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1. THE FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO MRS. MANALO'S QUESTIONS AS
FORWARDED REF. A.
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2. BASED ON THE EARLIER REMARKS THAT THERE WAS NO ASSURANCE
THAT THE ASEAN MINISTERS COULD PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES IN
NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES (SEE REF B), WE HAD DROPPED THE
IDEA OF ARRANGING PROGRAMS IN THOSE CITIES. IN LIGHT OF
REF A, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO SEE IF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW
YORK PORTION OF THE EARLIER ILLUSTRATIVE SCHEDULE (SEE
REF C) CAN STILL BE ARRANGED.

3. THE ASIA SOCIETY'S OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAY DURING THE SUMMER SO WE WILL CALL THEM MONDAY. WE CONTACTED THE US-ASEAN TRADE COUNCIL AGAIN TODAY, HOWEVER, AND THEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST AMONG THE ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES. WE WILL NEED TO KNOW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WHAT DEGREE OF INTEREST THERE IS AMONG THE OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES,

WHO THEY MIGHT DESIGNATE TO PARTICIPATE, ETC., IF ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE IN THE LIMITED TIME REMAINING. ASEAN EMBASSIES ARE WORKING WITH US ON THIS. ALSO, WE WILL NEED TO KNOW IF THERE IS INTEREST IN ANY OTHER EVENTS IN NEW YORK BESIDE THE ASIA SOCIETY LUNCH AND THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION.

4. THE U.S. CHAMBER RECEPTION WILL NOT BE CO-HOSTED BY COMMERCE SECRETARY KREPS, NO SPEECHES ARE PLANNED. THERE WILL BE A RECEIVING LINE AND, U.S. CHAMBER PRESIDENT LESHNER AND SECRETARY KREPS MAY EXPRESS A FEW EXTEMPORANEOUS WORDS OF WELCOME. IF SO, THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ASEAN SPOKESMAN TO RESPOND.

5. SECRETARY VANCE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE SOME BRIEF AFTER-DINNER REMARKS WITH A TOAST AT HIS DINNER AND HE WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARED TO RESPOND TO A SIMILAR REMARKS-CUM-TOAST AT THE ASEAN DINNER.

6. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SECRETARY VANCE JOIN GENERAL ROMULO AT THE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE BUT AWAIT CONFIRMATION FROM THE SECRETARY WHO IS AWAY.

7. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THE DETAILS CONCERNING THE PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION UNTIL AFTER THE PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM THE BONN SUMMIT NEXT WEEK. OUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR MEETING PRIVATELY WITH THE ASEAN MINISTERS.

8. ON THE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS, WE WILL RESPOND FURTHER EARLY NEXT WEEK AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE ASEAN EMBASSIES AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL STAFF. WE WILL ALSO ENDEAVOR AT THAT TIME TO INDICATE WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS WE ANTICIPATE INVITING TO THE VARIOUS EVENTS. AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE SOME DETAILS OF THESE EVENTS WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM BEFORE WE MAKE OUR DECISIONS ON THE GUEST LISTS.
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